

Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Time: 10:40 am to 11:30 pm (EDT)

Location: SSMC-2 Room 13242

Attendees: Livezey, Koepsell, Brewer, Berger, Perfect, Timofeyeva, Reeves, Auer, Zhou (OST)

1. General topics from Bob Livezey

- a. The OS4 "brainstorming Session" on milestones and goals will take place THU AUG 18 from 1230PM to 200 PM in room 13250. OS4 will consider FY06/07 tangible achievements such as region and field office activity, web pages, products, QA/QC tools, procedural policy, international activities, and training. Dr. Reeves will use the session results to tie in to NSIP and its milestones.
- b. At next OS4 staff meeting, should consider when and where next CSPM/OS4 in person meeting(s) in FY06 should be held. Two meetings seem in order. One would be at NWSH and focus on policy and infrastructure. Another meeting focusing on products and science should occur at a national center, such as NCDC or CDC. CDC would be preferable as NCDC was the venue in FY05.
- c. NIDIS: There has been much activity recently. More discussion at the next OS4 staff meeting. The President's budget may include something for FY07.

2. Recent travel

Brewer to CR sub regional meeting (Aug 24) Champaign IL/MWRCC. Doug Kluck made good contacts with energy and agricultural users. There were almost 6 state climatologists attending and there were several (more than 6) other outside users attending as well. Anthony Artusa of CPC was there to discuss CPC's products and services and answer related questions. Mike recommends that the CSPMs discuss common themes and concerns from all the sub regionals to determine new requirements at the next CSPM/CSD meeting.

3. Upcoming travel

- a. Operational Climate Services residence training at NWSTC (Kansas City MO) the week of Aug 29 -Sept 2 and week of Sept 19-23 (Livezey and Timofeyeva).
- b. NCDC has organized a meeting at the Arlie House Conference Center in Warrenton VA on September 15-16 to discuss issues surrounding the CRN, HCN modernization, the launch of NERON, and NERON governance. Livezey, Leffler, and Brewer plan to attend, at the invitation of NCDC.
- c. Western Region Water Resources meeting Oct 4-6, Park City UT. Livezey or Brewer will attend.
- d. LOCAL: Climate working group advisory panel meeting (Oct 10-11). Livezey plans on attending at least part. Brewer may attend.
- e. LOCAL: U.S. Drought Monitor Forum Holiday Inn Capitol Washington, D.C. October 20-21, 2005 (see http://www.usda.gov/agency/oc/waob/jawf/drought_monitor/information.htm). Livezey and Brewer plan on attending.
- f. Climate Diagnostic and Prediction workshop (State College PA) Oct 23-28. OS4 attendees (Livezey, Brewer, Berger, Perfect, Reeves, and Timofeyeva plan to attend). Car or van pooling is a must to save transportation costs. Also, all OS4 attendees are encouraged to stay at the Nittany Lion Inn. Final Registration deadline by mail and check (only) is October 15. See <http://climate.psu.edu/links/CDPW/> for details on the workshop.

4. Around the table

- a. Timofeyeva: Training plan for courses in FY 06 released. The Field Requirement Group (FRG) has approved and will support funding one Climate Operations Course in FY06 (the CSD will fund the other class), but no Climate Variability Courses. The FRG also approved funding support for Pacific and Alaska regional training (with CSD matching funds). NWSTC has provided good technical, administrative and logistical support for the operations courses. For FY06, the operations courses will take place Nov 1-3 and Jan 10-12. A confirmation is needed for the latest time line adjustment in the Products and Service team (PST) implementation.
- b. Perfect: tri-fold brochures for CPASW promotion have been developed for distribution. IRI will produce a Proceedings CD for distribution for last year's workshop.
- c. Berger: Operations Service Improvement Plan (OSIP) project plan for standby (uninterrupted power) for ASOS has been drafted by the integrated work team. The OSIP review team meeting for the plan has been assigned to Thursday, Aug 25 in the afternoon. The "Gate" meeting is scheduled for Aug 30 in the afternoon.

CPC has developed an objective scheme for consideration in the long lead temperature outlooks that use a blend of guidance tools (weighted by skill). So far it is mainly being used for temperature only. This methodology has resulted in more forecast areas (i.e. less area of "equal chances" for the tercile categories). Hindcasts indicate improved skill over the more subjective methodology used up to now.

- d. Koepsell: At the next OCWWS Outreach Team meeting discussions will begin regarding which FY06 OCWWS cross-cutting activities will be approved for Outreach Team funding. In FY05 the team approved and supported the following CSD activities with Outreach funding: CPASW, AASC, the AR terminology workshop, and AAG.